whoſe paſſions they played. In ſhort, in whatever light I view the ſubject, reaſon and experience convince me that the only method of leading women to fulfil their peculiar duties, is to free them from all reſtraint by allowing them to participate the inherent rights of mankind.

Make them free, and they will quickly become wiſe and virtuous, as men become more ſo; for the improvement muſt be mutual, or the injuſtice which one half of the human race are obliged to ſubmit to, retorting on their oppreſſors, the virtue of men will be worm-eaten by the inſect whom he keeps under his feet.

Let men take their choice, man and woman were made for each other, though not to become one being; and if they will not improve women, they will deprave them!

I ſpeak of the improvement and emancipation of the whole ſex, for I know that the behaviour of a few women, who, by accident, or following a ſtrong bent of nature, have acquired a portion of knowledge ſuperior to that of the reſt of their ſex, has often been overbearing; but there have been inſtances of women who, attaining knowledge,

have not diſcarded modeſty, nor have they always pedantically appeared to deſpiſe the ignorance which they laboured to diſperſe in their own mind. The exclamations then which any advice reſpecting female learning, commonly produce, eſpecially from pretty women, often ariſe from envy. When they chance to ſee that even the luſtre of their eyes, and the flippant ſportiveneſs of refined coquetry will not always ſecure them attention, during a whole evening, ſhould a woman of a more cultivated underſtanding endeavour to give a rational turn to the converſation, the common ſource of conſolation is, that ſuch women ſeldom get huſbands. What arts have I not ſeen ſilly women uſe to interrupt by *flirtation*, a very ſignificant word to deſcribe ſuch a manœuvre, a rational converſation which made the men forget that they were pretty women.

But, allowing what is very natural to man, that the poſſeſſion of rare abilities is really calculated to excite over-weening pride, diſguſting in both men and women —in what a ſtate of inferiority muſt the female faculties have ruſted when ſuch a ſmall portion of knowledge as thoſe women